Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Republican - Grazingland

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Republican - Grazingland		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:	-	

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds, groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	Yes O or No O
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable amount of ground or surface water conservation?	Yes O or No O
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	Yes O or No O
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	Yes O or No O
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or suface waters?	Yes O or No O
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes O or No O
3. Will the project address invasive or noxious weeds on the contracted acres?	Yes O or No O
4. Will the project result in an improvement to the existing management sytem to meet the state AFO/CAFO regulations?	Yes O or No O
5. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes O or No O
6. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	
7. Is the proposed project located within the State's NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area?	
8. Will the proposed project reduce field soil loss to below "T" or will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced/streambank erosion?	Yes O or No O
9. Does the applicant currently use a progressive conservation plan that was developed within the last five years and include the same resource concern and practices they are currently applying for?	Yes O or No O
10. Does the applicant meet one or more of the following conditions: a. Did the applicant successfully complete any past EQIP contract(s) in full compliance; b. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance; or c. Applicant has never participated in EQIP?	
11. Has any portion of the offered acreage been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or an Archeologist?	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Erosion: Are there actively eroding blowouts or gullies present, which will be directly addressed by at least one of the following planned practices? FENCE (382), PRESCRIBED GRAZING (528), TERRACE (600), or WATER & SEDIMENT CONTROL BASIN (638).	Yes O or No O

2. Water Quantity: Is water distribution in existing or planned pasture(s) inadequate or nonexistent, requiring the application of PIPELINE (516), SPRING DEVELOPMENT (574), or WELL (642)?	Yes O or No O
3. Forage Quantity/Quality: Has the present vegetative cover degraded to a point of very low forage quantity or quality, which will require seeding using PASTURE & HAYLAND PLANTING (512) or RANGE SEEDING (550)?	Yes O or No O
4. Noxious or Invasive Weeds: Are there perennial or biennial noxious weed* infestations on >5% of the offered acres, which require the application of PEST MANAGEMENT (595)? (*Colorado Noxious Weed List A and B species)	Yes O or No O
5. Inadequate Shelter: Is there a lack of protection for livestock, requiring the planting of a WINDBREAK ESTABLISHMENT (380)?	Yes O or No O
6. Water Quality: Is there a wetland or riparian area in need of treatment due to livestock pressure and/or a concentration of animal waste, requiring the construction of a FENCE (382), SPRING DEVELOPMENT (574), WATERING FACILITY (614), or WELL (642)?	Yes O or No O
7. Forage Quantity/Quality: Is a lack of adequate fencing causing uneven grazing distribution, requiring construction of a FENCE (382)?	Yes O or No O
8. Wildlife Habitat: Is there inadequate habitat for wildlife species, requiring the application of RESTORATION & MANAGEMENT OF DECLINING HABITATS (643), WETLAND WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT (644), or UPLAND WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT (645)?	Yes O or No O
9. Enduring Practices: A FENCE (382) will be constructed under this plan.	Yes O or No O
10. Enduring Practices: A Water Development practice [WELL (642), WATERING FACILITY (614), PIPELINE (516), or SPRING DEVELOPMENT (574)] will be constructed under this plan.	Yes O or No O
11. Enduring Practices: A WINDBREAK ESTABLISHMENT (380) will be planted for livestock protection under this plan.	Yes O or No O
12. Enduring Practices: A grass seeding PASTURE & HAYLAND PLANTING (512) or RANGE SEEDING (550) will be implemented under this plan.	Yes O or No O
13. Grazing System: A SHORT DURATION GRAZING system (8+ pastures per herd) will be implemented under this plan. (yes for only one of questions 13-16)	Yes O or No O
14. Grazing System: A LIMITED PASTURE - SHORT DURATION GRAZING system (3-7 pastures per herd) will be implemented under this plan. (yes for only one of questions 13-16)	Yes O or No O
15. Grazing System: A DEFERRED ROTATION GRAZING system (3+ pastures per herd - each pasture receiving a full growing season deferment minimum once every 3 years) will be implemented under this plan. (yes for only one of questions 13-16)	
16. Grazing System: An ALTERNATE ROTATION GRAZING system (switchback - 2 pastures per herd) will be implemented under this plan. (yes for only one of questions 13-16)	Yes O or No O
17. WIldlife Habitat: The Grazing System implemented under this project will benefit a Declining wildlife species.	Yes O or No O
18. Pest Management: PEST MANAGEMENT (595) will be carried out under this plan. (must not already be implemented - must meet practice standard 595)	Yes O or No O
19. Water Quality: An alternate water source [WELL (642), WATERING FACILITY (614), PIPELINE (516), or SPRING DEVELOPMENT (574)] will be constructed to adequately manage and benefit riparian areas.	
20. Water Quality: A FENCE (382) will be constructed to adequately manage and benefit riparian areas.	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
Ranking Score	
Efficiency:	
Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
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Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: